

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant

PIN	5296	COUNTY	Humboldt
APPLICANT	Mattole Restoration Council	AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$246,772
PROJECT TITLE	Mattole Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$566,508

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Create an Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan to meet critical water quality and water supply issues within the basin.

WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.

Score: 12

Comment: The application includes a detailed work plan, budget, and schedule. The budget does not include a breakdown of funding match. Additional detail in the tasks to clarify roles and responsibilities for work items would have yielded a higher score.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The applicant provides a description of the region which includes basin characterization, existing water resources, water supply and demand, water quality and ecological resources, and watershed management groups. However, description of the resources in the ASBS is minimal and there is no clear linkage between the ASBS and the estuary.

OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The objectives are well described and include support of statewide objectives such as TMDLs implementation, anadromous fish restoration, planning, and non-point source management measure evaluation. There is no information on how the objectives were determined and which stakeholders in the watershed contributed to development of the objectives. The proposal includes a study to evaluate ocean currents and sediment transport in the vicinity of the King Range ASBS but it does not include significant discussion of other sources of water quality impacts as an objective.

INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: Applicant states that all strategies will be considered for the ICWMP. The plan appears to follow the CCA Watershed Assessment Action Plan. The proposal would have scored higher for this criterion if there were more detail on how the plan will integrate strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The proposal identifies existing assessments with site-specific actions and planned financing sources. Recommended projects in the ICWMP will be implemented and completed between 2008 and 2013. A mechanism or process to allow for monitoring the performance of the plan implementation and changes to the Plan is absent.

IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The benefits of the ICWMP are discussed. Impacts are to be determined during the development of the ICWMP. CEQA will be addressed where applicable. CEQA work may be funded by other state agencies, if so this may be a funding match concern. It is unclear as to what the impacts of sediment discharged from the Mattole River are on marine life in the ASBS and what planning efforts have been included that will specifically identify and evaluate benefits to the King Range ASBS.

DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The applicant identifies multiple studies (9) and data sets (16) that can support the future work of the proposed ICWMP. The applicant lists the data sets to pursue for the ICWMP including data on sediment, stream channel, groundwater, forested watersheds, riparian habitat, and fish passage. The applicant should identify what and how data will be used to evaluate influences on water quality at the ASBS. The applicant mentions quality assurance project plans are in place for data collection but may need to be expanded to address water quality data collection for use in evaluation of the ASBS.

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DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: Data management is well detailed with specific methods for managing data. The applicant states the Klamath Resources Information System (KRIS) database format is widely used for watershed data management and that it will support statewide data needs. Water quality monitoring data can be integrated into the State Water Board's SWAMP and GAMA programs.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal identifies many stakeholders who have been involved for many years now and will continually be involved for the development of this Plan. The applicant states that additional stakeholders will be identified during a scoping meeting and public comment period for the ICWMP.

DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The supporting information for the DAC discussion is limited. However, the region contains DACs that can participate in the plan. The proposed plan includes the benefit of improved water quality as well as preservation of coastal areas that the DACs depend on. The planning process has included representation and involvement of disadvantaged community members.

RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The applicant states the proposed ICWMP will closely relate to other local planning efforts including the Mattole River Watershed Assessment, Mattole Watershed Restoration Plan, General Plans for Humboldt and Mendocino counties, and the Mattole River TMDL for sediment and temperature.

AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The proposal includes relevant local, State, and Federal agencies and defines their contribution to the ICWMP. However, Mattole Restoration Council's authority over groundwater is unclear. Since significant ground water resource studies are proposed (Task 3) the appropriate agency with statutory authority should be identified and involved in implementation.

TOTAL SCORE: 75